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1. Ministry of Metallurgy and Machine Industry.

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This was split up into two ministries:

a. Ministry for Metallurgical Industry, which includes the production of war material; under the direction of Deputy Minister Ferenc Biro.

b. Machine Industry.

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2. Oil Prospecting.

This is being pressed forward with great urgency. Derricks have been observed at the following places:

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a. Opposite the Szolnok Tile Factory: 5-6. Good yield here.

b. Mezökeresztes: 34.

c. Rákosszentmihály: 2 new ones.

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d. Cinkota: 1

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5. Rice Cultivation.

With a good harvest, Hungary's requirements in rice could be satisfied with an area of 24,000 yokes under cultivation. This year, however, an area of about 70,000 yokes is growing rice, and this area is to be increased to 90,000 yokes in 1955. Since even this year, it is difficult to obtain rice in Hungary, it must be presumed that large quantities are being grown for export.

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6. Iron Ore from Yugoslavia.

Iron ore being supplied from Prijedor in Yugoslavia to Hungary is transported normally via Subotica and Kelebia by rail. At the present it is also being carried up the Danube by barge to Sztalinvaros.

7. Steel Ingot Production.

In the month of June 1954, altogether 14,000 tons of steel ingots were produced. All, except 250 tons, were destined for military purposes. Of the 250 tons, 100 tons went to the Hungarian State Railroads, and the rest fulfilled other requirements. The total quantity of steel ingots received by the State Railroads during the second quarter of 1954 was 350 tons.

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